

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 783

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. John W. Lacey III upon his naming as a 2009 Health Care Hero by the *Knoxville News Sentinel*.

WHEREAS, it is wholly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to recognize those intrepid individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping those around them and are community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Lacey III, MD, of Knoxville is one such individual who, in fitting recognition of his contributions to the medical community, has been recognized by the *Knoxville News Sentinel* as one of the publication's Health Care Heroes for 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lacey, who has operated an internal medicine practice for the past thirty-two years, has served with acumen and alacrity as the Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of the University of Tennessee Medical Center since 1998; and

WHEREAS, after earning a degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Tennessee in 1970, Dr. Lacey enrolled in medical school with the intent on focusing his career on the research side of medicine; and

WHEREAS, it was during medical school that he became aware of his love of caring for people, a quality which has defined his career as a physician. Awed by the dignity, courage, faith, and spirit shown by his patients, Dr. Lacey has been a rock-solid force of encouragement and understanding for each and every person he treats; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart proponent of the importance of the patient-physician relationship, Dr. Lacey endeavors to create a partnership with those he treats; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, Dr. Lacey was a driving force behind the founding and growth of Knoxville Area Project Access, a physician-led organization which offers volunteer medical services to those without health insurance; and

WHEREAS, this body is proud of the contributions Dr. Lacey has made to the medical community of Knoxville, to this State, and to the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we applaud Dr. John W. Lacey III upon his recent recognition as a Health Care Hero for 2009 by the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, offering our best wishes for his every success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.